

MEETING FOR BUSINESS, MARCH, 29TH, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

The Monthly Report of the Corresponding Secretary having been read and adopted, reports were presented from the following committees.

The committee on Dr. George C. Leib's paper entitled, "Description of the Nest and Eggs of the *Fulica Americana* and *Anas discors*," in favour of publication.

The committee on Mr. Haldeman's paper "On two new species of Cyclops;" in favour of publication.

The committee on the several papers of Mr. Audubon and Dr. Bachman, entitled "Descriptions of new species of North American Quadrupeds;" in favour of publication.

The Zoological Committee then read the following Report in relation to the condition of the collection of Insects lately returned by Dr. T. W. Harris; which was ordered to be published in the Proceedings of the Academy.

The Zoological Committee report, that they have examined the collection of insects belonging to the Academy, which

was sent to Dr. T. W. Harris, of Cambridge, Mass., in the year 1837, for the purpose of being re-arranged, determined, and having the specimens of Mr. Thomas Say intercalated in their appropriate places, and find that the insects have been returned in so confused and ruined a condition as to render them almost valueless; that there is not a single insect determined, except those by Dr. McMurtrie prior to the collection having been sent to Dr. Harris, and that the species in Mr. Say's collection have been in no instance intercalated.

They further report, that as the greatest care was taken in the carriage of the cases from the vessel to the Hall of the Academy, on hand-barrows, the specimens could have sustained no injury subsequent to their arrival in Philadelphia.

The committee cannot refrain from expressing their regret that if Dr. Harris, for whatever cause, declined the fulfilment of his engagement to the Academy with respect to this collection, that he did not at once return it, in order that it might receive such attention as would have secured its value unimpaired; especially since he was duly notified of various resolutions and inquiries, expressive of the anxiety felt for its safe return.

On behalf of the committee,

J. S. PHILLIPS,
EDW. HALLOWELL,
WM. S. VAUX,
ROBT. PEARSALL.

Hall of the Academy,
March 29th, 1842.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for Members and Correspondents, when the following gentlemen were announced duly elected :

MEMBER.

Charles Davis, M. D., of Philadelphia.

CORRESPONDENT.

J. Hutton Balfour, M. D., Regius Professor of Botany in the University of Glasgow.